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For: SYSTEM FOR STRAINING SEPTIC TANK EFFLUENT
BEFORE DISCHARGE TO A DRAIN FIELD

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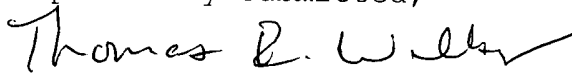
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Respectfully submitted,


Perfection Sprinkler Co. by
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Dated: 12th September 2003